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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" After the investigation of the Gandikotta Project is completed, the Government will examine all aspects and we might consider even then, whether this project may not be considerably extended. When the Krishna-Pennar Project is pushed through, this project may have to wait, because it is pointed out, that in the case of the Krishna-Pennar Project, if the dam, that is proposed, is to be constructed, then the site of the Gandikotta Scheme will have to be shifted."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Will the Government consider the advisability of taking up this project, even though the prospect of taking up the Krishna-Pennar Project may be there, and model it in such a way as to link it up with the Krishna-Pennar Project without waiting for that project to fructify? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Engineers advise that it cannot be so modelled as to be taken up first and suit it with the Krishna-Pennar Project."

Ayacut under the Kurnool-Cuddapah Canal.

* 55 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government ordered an enquiry into the localization of ayacut under the Kurnool-Cuddapah Canal;

(*b*) what the results of the enquiry are; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to take adequate and immediate steps to implement the results of the enquiry?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) & (*c*).—The Special Officer who examined the case has sent his report and no results have yet been arrived at. The report is under consideration by the Government and after they arrive at a decision they will proceed to implement it."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know how long it will take for Government to arrive at a decision, because, I know, the officer was appointed three years back."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" But the report of the officer after examination by the Board of Revenue reached Government only in May 1948. It has raised several issues which have to be examined, as they affect a large number of ryots. Anyhow I can assure the hon. Member we shall come to a decision as early as possible."

Number of spies from Hyderabad detained in the Province.

* 56 *Q.*—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state whether any, and if so, how many persons have been arrested or detained (since May 1948, monthwar) on suspicion of being spies or agents of Hyderabad?